



Carol Downing

December 17, 1940 - March 12, 2017

Carol Downing, 76, of Drakesville, Iowa passed away March 12, 2017 at her home. She was born December 17, 1940 in Carlinville, Illinois to Carl and Freda Broers Brueggeman. She married Darrell Downing August 11, 1973 in Edwardsville, Illinois.

As a young woman, Carol taught children of military service personnel in Germany and Japan for the Department of Defense. She then taught in Illinois and Iowa for 49 years, the last 10 for Moulton-Udell Schools.

Carol and Darrell moved to the farm in Davis County 18 years ago. With enthusiasm, she became part of the community by joining many organizations and helping with the Drakesville Reunion. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Orleans Church of Christ.

Carol could fill a room with her warmth just by walking it. She never met a stranger and had an adventurous nature throughout her life. She also had great affection and fondness for the many dogs, cats, and horses around the farm.

She is survived by her husband and three brothers, Jim (Whiff) Brueggeman of Sterling, Virginia, Raymond Brueggeman of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Barry (Cheryl) Brueggeman of Houston, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant sibling.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Jerry Weller officiating. Burial will be at the Drakesville Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday with Eastern Star services at 5:00 p.m. followed by family visitation until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to the Orleans Church of Christ and the Drakesville Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Drakesville Cemetery

Drakesville, IA 52552

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

MAR 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Services

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Downing*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *When we didn't hear from Carol, alias "Briggie," at Christmas time, I feared that she had succumbed to the dreaded illness of cancer. Her 2016 Christmas letter hinted that her progress was not the best, and she feared that there were few options left in her valiant struggle to fight her disease. It is with sadness that I read these details of her passing.*

Briggie and I first met at graduate school during the summer of 1965 I believe when we both were living at a dorm during our summer session graduate studies at The University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. She, along with "Shosh," another education major and I spent that summer encouraging each other and enjoying our time together. Her beautiful smile is what I remember best about her as well as her bubbling personality. We had continued to correspond each year thereafter even if only at Christmas time. Another memory is brought to mind when she sent a lovely news clipping of her marriage to Darrell. She looked so happy, and it was so great to see her happiness displayed. She will be missed by all who were fortunate to know and love her.

*Dottie Gewe Hermeling
Surprise, AZ*

Dottie Gewe Hermeling - January 23, 2018 at 10:09 PM

PB

“ Our sympathy Darrell. We recall all the hard work Carol did to make family night a success at Nameoki U.M. Church. She was always happy and cheerful.

*Prayers and blessings,
Jim & Pat Bernaix*

Pat Bernaix - March 22, 2017 at 01:47 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Carol's family. She was always had a smile and a nice word to say to you. She will be missed. I know that she touched many lives in her teaching career and changed their lives along the way.

Bob and Donna Little

Bob and Donna Little - March 15, 2017 at 04:44 PM



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“ #2 BROTHER purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Carol Downing.



#2 BROTHER - March 13, 2017 at 05:16 PM

PW

“ Carol's smile was infectious. She brought an energy and enthusiasm for learning when she came to Davis County Elementary as a substitute in 1999. It was always fun to work with her. Getting to see her at SIEC activities was a bonus for us. We will miss Carol. May God surround Darrell with the comfort only He can give. Friends, Paul and Jayne



Paul & Jayne Wells - March 13, 2017 at 02:37 PM